# Joe Grushecky - East Carson Street

## **Chasing Shadows**

I met an old man even older than me
He started talking about life in this new century
He said I may be the biggest fool you ever did see
But here's some advise you would do well to follow
Don't waste your time chasing shadows

Slow down and enjoy it life ain't a race Never lose hope and hold on to your faith Go meet your maker with a smile on your face You'll never know what the world might bring tomorrow Don't waste your time chasing shadows

Don't waste your time Do your best to save it Because when it's gone You can't reclaim it

Stay close to your friends don't go it alone Make sure you spend enough time at home Sometimes you just got to put your faith in a song And don't always walk down the straight and narrow Don't waste your time chasing shadows

Go out and have fun but your family comes first Don't turn all your blessings into a curse In the middle of an ocean you can still die of thirst All of these words you may feel free to borrow Don't waste your time chasing shadows

## It's Too Late (Can't Turn Back Now)

I did a lot of dumb things
I made some bad decisions
I ran a lot of stop signs
Sometimes I lost my vision
Been known to use a dull knife
Instead of a sharp incision
I made it complicated
Just like long division

Sometimes it looks so easy Sometimes you have to choose What it takes to win Or else you're bound to lose

It's too late
Time will never wait
It's too late
Don't tempt the hands of fate
It's too late
It's too late
I can't turn back now.

I spent a lot of wild nights
I chased a lot of crazy women
I jumped into the deep end
And just started swimming
I lost a lot of close games
It's more fun winning
I prey that all my screw ups
Don't keep me out of heaven
Sometimes it looks so easy
Sometimes you have to choose
Just what it takes to win
Or else you're bound to lose

It's too late
Time will never wait
It's too late
Don't tempt the hands of fate
It's too late
Well it's too late
I can't turn back now.

#### **East Carson Street**

Some people said I should leave There's no use hanging around If you want to make it boy You better get out of this town But they got it all wrong Just as wrong as can be I want to live with my friends Live with my family

So please understand
The roots they run deep
I can feel this town breathe
I can hear its heart beat
So meet me tonight
Down on East Carson Street

All those second hand stores
Selling our memories
All The bars and guitars
Were my symphony
It's where I had my best times
It's where I want to grow old
And see my children take pride
In the black and gold

So please understand
The roots they run deep
I can feel this town breathe
I can hear its heart beat
Meet me tonight
Down on East Carson Street

The bridges and the rivers
The sound of the railroad cars
Take a ride on the incline
And climb on up to the stars

So please understand
The roots they run deep
I can feel this town breathe
And hear its heart beat
So meet me tonight
Down on East Carson Street

## **Another Thin Line**

Gray morning sky spits through the shade
Another day come more time to make
Kids growing up cat's getting fatter
Lying here with you nothing else matters
You work hard keep your eyes on the prize
Wake up the minute you open your eyes
Every muscle in your body hurts
Stop praying for things to get better
Pray they don't get worse
They don't get worse

Another thin line I don't dare cross Another home game Another close loss Well we'll get by Baby we'll get by

The work week time to move on
Another heartache another dream gone
A cold day ain't no sun
No use complaining got to get the job done

Another thin line I don't dare cross Another home game Another close loss Well we'll get by Baby we'll get by

Well it ain't us up on the stocks
I stand below you sit pretty on top
How long before it's my turn
The bottom line is that souls do burn
Souls do burn souls do burn

The money's all gone nothing in the bank Somebody gets sick family closes rank Before you know it Christmas is here You wake up it's a new year It's a new year

#### **Just Like That**

I met you when I was playing in that old bar Our first kiss was up on the roof
I was trying so hard to make the big time
Hell I made the big time when I found you
Now I'm so happy here at home
And just like that
All those days are gone

I'm watching the kids playing in our backyard
They're running around playing a baseball game
And it makes me laugh because they're trying so hard
I say a little prayer that things will never change
Then you call out hey your Dad is on the phone
And just like that
Those days are gone

I found out
Love is for the taking
Hold on to all the memories we are making

Our baby's packing her things she's going away to school She kisses us goodbye and says I'll see everybody soon I'm trying hard not to cry trying to keep my cool When I catch myself sitting all alone in her empty room Before we knew it she was moving back home Just like that Just like that Just like that All those days are gone

#### **Broken Wheel**

Broken wheel broken wheel
I am so numb I cannot feel
Lost in a fog can't tell what's real
This heart of stone will never heal
Tell me when
Someone will mend
This broken wheel

I am a man who is running away from his last chance I like to think that I am a victim of my circumstance The police are on my trail I got a story I won't tell

Broken wheel broken wheel
I am so numb I cannot feel
Lost in a fog can't tell what's real
This heart of stone will never heal
Tell me when
Someone will mend
This broken wheel

We were driving home
Down a backroad that I knew so well
I heard his tires screeching right before he hit me like a Freight train right out of Hell
She lay lifeless in the back
I had my hands around his neck

Broken wheel broken wheel
I am so numb I cannot feel
Lost in a fog can't tell what's real
This heart of stone will never heal
Tell me when
Someone will mend
This broken wheel
I got to keep on running

(Got to keep moving on)
Keep on running
(Can't stay in one place too long)
Keep on running
(Got to keep moving on)
I got to keep on running
(No matter where I go she's gone)

## **Carried Away**

I don't ever mean to scare you
Fix you up or repair you
But sometimes I get carried away
I don't mean to be unfair
Or ever cause you to beware
But sometimes I get carried away

But sometimes I get carried Sometimes I get carried Sometimes I get carried away

I don't mean to crucify you
Mix you up or deny you
But sometimes I get carried away
I won't put you on a pedestal
Just to build you up then treat you cruel
But sometimes I get carried away

Sometimes I get carried Sometimes I get carried Sometimes I get carried away

I ask myself Why do I do all those things to upset her I'm old enough and I should know better

I will never try to slight you
I feel so stupid when I fight you
But sometimes I get carried away
I will try not to criticize
I'm going to throw away this old disguise
But sometimes I get carried away

Sometimes I get carried Sometimes I get carried away Sometimes I get carried away

## I Always Knew

I was never good at lying
I never set out to deceive
But all the those games that you are playing
Well it takes its toll on me
And all your friends well they are saying
That I never treat you fair
I've grown accustomed to your complaining
That right now I don't even care

I always knew
I always knew
I always knew
That you would go

You tried to turn everyone against me
You tried to take what was really mine
You played the injured party one too many times
I know behind that sweet smile
There beats a heart made out of stone
I tried so much to hate you
Because it hurts too much to see you go

I always knew
I always knew
I always knew
That you would go

Wish there something I could say
Wish there was something I could do
I can't believe that after all these years
I got to say goodbye to you

#### **Satisfied**

Satchmo gizmo
What the hell do I know
Play some roulette
Bet the game on the high low
Sin City she's pretty
Struttin' 'round like P Diddy
Might be a little grey
But I still love it when she talks dirty

Walking like the King With her by my side Cause she's the only one Who keeps me satisfied I'm satisfied

It's like Time Square
New Year
Hot women cold beer
I'm sitting by the pool
I'm chillin' in a lounge chair
The slots hitting
She's winning
Cash flow and I'm grinning
Get her to the room
And do some cooking in the soul kitchen

Walking like the King
With her by my side
Because she's the only one
Who keeps me satisfied
I'm satisfied

I'm Satisfied
I'm Satisfied
I'm Satisfied
Come on baby we got the blues on the run
We got to go out tonight
We're gonna have a lot of fun

#### Lee Ann

It's another Sunday morning
And I'm the last one out of bed
Go downstairs to get some coffee
Still ashamed of the things I said
I see you standing in the kitchen
And I realize that I was wrong

Lee Ann Won't you understand Forgive those silly things I do My world is empty without you

Sometimes I take our love for granted Don't appreciate every thing we have I should learn to keep my mouth shut Not take it out on you when things go bad Would you believe me if I told you My love grows stronger every day

Lee Ann Won't you understand Forgive those silly things I do My world is empty without you

You are my girl
You are my spring
You give me hope
You make me sing
Without you I'm nothing
Just a lost and lonely soul
Crying in the night
Trying to make it home

Lee Ann Won't you understand Forgive those silly things I do My world is empty without you

## The Sun Is Going To Shine Again

I get home from my job little worse From all the wear and tear But what keeps me going all day Is that I know you'll be waiting there But lately I've been dreaming about All the places that I've never been Come tomorrow The sun is going to shine again

The world we face each day
Has a nasty habit of beating us down
It would be a whole lot tougher girl
If I didn't have you around
Someday soon we'll be singing
Happy Days Are Here Again
Come tomorrow
The sun is going to shine again

Come tomorrow
All we have to do is wait
Come tomorrow
We need to show a little faith
Come tomorrow
The sun is going to shine again

The road is long
There's so many winding turns
Our time is short
There's still so much that I need to learn
But I just heard the angels singing
While listening to the morning wind
Come tomorrow
The sun is going to shine again

## This Is Someday

If you've got something to say Please just go on and say it There's no reason to wait What you got ain't worth saving

So go ahead and speak your mind There's no sense in wasting time This could be our last chance Don't let it slip way Don't let it slip away

This is someday
This is someday
It's not something out of reach
Not some far off distant dream
It's do or die day
This is all that we've been waiting for
So tell me what are we waiting for
This is someday

We could lose our whole lives Waiting for it to be perfect Why would we live a lie I say it just ain't worth it

Go ahead and speak your mind
There's no sense in wasting precious time
This could be our last chance
Don't let it slip way
We can't let it slip away

This is someday
This is someday
It's not something out of reach
It's not some far off distant dream
It's do or die day
This is all that we've been waiting for
So tell me what are we waiting for
This is someday

## **Down River**

George was a good man
Her always had an easy smile
He always lent a helping hand
Always went an extra mile
He was one of a kind
Not a taker but a giver
Now he's gone
Down river

She was always the prettiest girl
In our old school
She was everybody's princess
Sometimes life can be so cruel
We have ties that bind
That time can never sever
Now she's gone
Down river

The good Lord gives
Then he takes it away
There's a minute to die
And a second to prey
Some day we'll meet again
Where the road goes on forever

I got the news
Over the phone
It seemed so unfair
It hit too close to home
He always held his head high
And never surrendered
I will meet him again
Down river

He was always my hero
Always my best friend
God only knows how much I loved him
I will make this promise
And do my best to deliver
I will meet him again
Down river